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In re application of

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Kazunori MUNE, et al.

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING POLYIMIDE OPTICAL WAVEGUIDE

**REQUEST FOR SIGNED AND INITIALED COPY OF PTO/SB/08 A & B
(modified) FORMS SUBMITTED WITH INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT FILED ON MARCH 16, 2004 AND JULY 6, 2004**

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Sir:

The Examiner indicates in the Notice of Allowance that a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document was not submitted. However, upon review of PAIR, all of the foreign language documents were submitted and received by the USPTO on March 16, 2004 (see Foreign Reference dated March 16, 2004 (29 pages, which includes the references that were lined out by the Examiner). Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner confirm that the references submitted with Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 16, 2004 have been considered by providing Applicants with a signed and initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing these references.

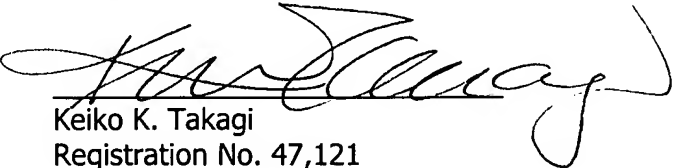
Also, Applicants note that the Examiner has not initialed the Patent Abstract of Japan citation on the July 6, 2004 PTO/SB/08 form. Applicants note that this document is also in PAIR, inadvertently included at the end of EP 1 205 804 A2 (one of the "20" page foreign

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references) by the PTO. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request a signed and initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing this reference, as well.

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

One copy of each of the listed documents, other than any U.S. patents and patent publications, is submitted herewith.

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In compliance with the concise explanation requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3) for foreign language documents, Applicant submits the following explanations:

JP-A-2002-350661:

An English abstract is enclosed with the above document.

JP-A-2002-31732:

The above document is described on page 5 of the present specification.

JP-A-6-46348:

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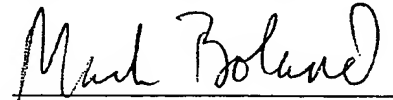
The above document is described on page 5 of the present specification.

The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

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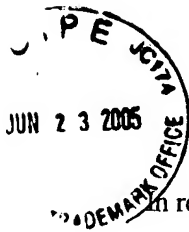
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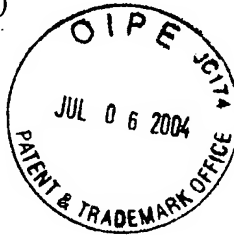
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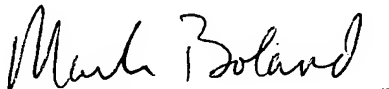
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